



Jayaguru

Nilachala Saraswata Sangha, Puri
Branch: America Saraswata Sangha
953rd Sangha Puja Session Report

Date- March 30, 2025, **Time-** 07:15-11:55 (ET) **Pāliās-** Divyam, Prabhakar Bhai, and Braja Bhai

For the attendees list, please check Sangha website.

Minutes of the First Session

The first session started at 7:30 am ET after singing of *pratikhā* songs “*Āsa Āsa Prabhu E Mo Dīna KuTire*” and “*Nātha Manara Bāsanā Mora*” by Puja Maa and Shreya Maa respectively. Sanujit Bhai performed *ārati* and then Nihar Bhai led the singing of *bandanā* and *stotra bandanā*. This was followed by reading verse 11 from Shri Shri GuruGeeta by Sandeep Bhai. After reading *Parichaya Patra*, devotees, led by Braja Bhai, prayed to Shri Shri Thakur for the smooth functioning of the upcoming *sammilanis* and the construction of a *Bhakta Niwās*. Then Ashwini Bhai read “*Bandanā, Prārthanā, and Prārthanākārinka-prati*” sections from Sangha Sebaka, volume 14, part four. Braja Bhai requested Shri Shri Thakur to accept *Bālya Bhoga* and join the second session after a short rest. He also requested devotees present at NSM to have *prasād*. The first session concluded after “Jayaguru” *kirtan*.

Minutes of the Second Session

The second session started at 9:45 am ET after *Praṇām Gāna*, which was preceded by *ābāhan* songs “*E Dinaku Āshrā Kari Basichhi Mun*” and “*Mo Mana Kunja Bane Bhāba Phula Puṭiba*” sung by Thakur Prasad Bhai and Rashmi Ch. Maa respectively. After *pranāma gāna*, Milu Maa sang *bandanā* “*Ratna Simhāsane Dhana Sundara Ubhāre*” and Tarini Bhai read the section titled “*Monism*” from Nigama Upadesha. Subrat Bhai presented the minutes of the last Sangha Puja session. Sangram Sinha Bhai, the past president and *parichalak* of Nilachal Saraswata Sangha, joined the sangha puja as the monthly NSS representative. His discussion was primarily focused on devotion to one’s own guru. Gyan Bhai sang the song “*Guru Pāda-padme Chitta Thāure*”. Then the Young Aspirants’ Session started with Divyam singing the prayer “*Bhijā Ākhi Luha Jhari Paduthilā*”. Aryan Bhai conducted the YA session. Then Divyam, Braja Bhai, and Prabhakar Bhai did *bhāba binimaya*. After that, Prabhakar Bhai invited Shri Shri Thakur for *Madhyāhna Bhoga* and evening puja. He requested the devotees present at NSM to have *prasād*. Then Divyans invited Shri Shri Thakur and all devotees for the next YA session, and Lipsita Maa invited all for the next Sangha Puja. Prabhakar Bhai prayed to Shri Shri Thakur and requested all devotees to forgive all *sebakas* and *sebikās* who performed *sebā* during the Sangha Puja for any mistakes they might have committed. Finally, Suvendu Bhai sang the last song “*Dayāmaya ŚriCharaṇe*”. The second session ended with “Jayaguru” *kirtan*. A few updates on sangha matters ensued. Biswajit Ray Bhai took attendance after which the devotees bid farewell to each other until the next sangha puja.

Shri Shri Thakur Charanashrita
Divyam, Prabhakar Bhai, and Braja Bhai